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SUBJ:SENKAKUS INCIDENT

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1. JAPANESE POLITICAL COUNSELOR DONOWAKI TOLD A USLO OFFICER APRIL 25 THAT PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA WAS DIS-SATISFIED WITH LEVEL OF PREVIOUS REPRESENTATION ON SENKAKUS INCIDENT. AMBASSADOR SATO HAD ACCORDINGLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH A VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TO SOLICIT AGAIN THE CHINESE POSITION ON THE SENKAKUS INCURSIONS.

2. DONOWAKI SAID THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RESPONSE HE HAD BEEN GIVEN ON APRIL 21 BY WANG HSIAO-YUN WAS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY AND THAT THE GOJ WOULD BE CONTENT
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TO HEAR THE SAME THING AGAIN AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

3. ADDING A LITTLE MORE DETAIL TO THE EMBASSY'S PREVIOUS ACCOUNT OF HIS APRIL 21 MEETING (REFTEL)
DONOWAKI SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED WANG IF IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE THAT THE CHINESE FISHERMEN HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE EXTENSION OF JAPANESE FISHING

LIMITS. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS A LINE THAT THE CHINESE THEMSELVES HAD USED PREVIOUSLY, ON THIS OCCASION WANG SAID ONLY THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INTO A DISCUSSION ON FISHING LIMITS SINCE IT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS A DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS THEMSELVES. DONAOWAKI THEN ASKED IF THE PRC WAS WILLING TO PUT ASIDE THE SENKAKUS ISSUE. WANG REPLIED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS WILLING TO PUT ASIDE THIS INCIDENT IN THE BROADER INTERESTS OF SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

4. US AFFAIRS DIVISION DIRECTOR TING YUAN-HUNG TOLD A USLO OFFICER APRIL 21 THAT THE OFFICIAL LINE ON THE INCIDENT ("IT WAS AN ACCIDENT") HAD BEEN GIVEN BY KENG PIAO APRIL 15 AND THAT THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO BE SAID.
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